

Dated: April 5, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030107C]

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Exempted Fishing Permits; Extension of Time for Comments

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for an exempted fishing permit; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice extends the comment period for 14 days on an March 13, 2007, **Federal Register** notice regarding a request for an exempted fishing permit (EFP) to collect fisheries data in the East Florida Coast and Charleston Bump closed areas. Due to extensive comments received from the public, the Agency is extending the comment period to allow for additional comments to be received prior to making a determination on the application.

DATES: The deadline for the receipt of written comments on the March 13, 2007 (72 FR 11327), notice has been extended from April 11 to no later than 5 p.m. on April 25, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: SF1.030107C@noaa.gov.

Include in the subject line the following identifier: "I.D. 030107C".

- Mail: Michael Clark, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Please mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on EFP Application."

- Fax: (301)713-1917

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Clark, by phone: (301) 713-2347; fax: (301)713-1917.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EFPs are requested and issued under the authority of the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA) (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*) and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (1601 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), which regulate fishing activities of tunas,

swordfish, sharks, and billfish.

Regulations at 50 CFR 635.32 govern scientific research activity, exempted fishing, and exempted educational activity with respect to Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS).

On March 13, 2007 (72 FR 11327), NMFS published a notice announcing receipt of an application to conduct fishing activities from Pelagic Longline (PLL) vessels in portions of the East Florida Coast and Charleston Bump closed areas. The objectives of this EFP request have not changed. The applicant states that these data would provide information on circle hook performance, target and bycatch species composition, and allow comparative analysis with historical pelagic longline logbook and observer program data. The applicant states that the goals of these fishing activities are to determine if implementation of new pelagic longline fishing practices justify the resumption of PLL fishing in the selected areas and to catch more of the United States swordfish quota. The proposed activities would occur in Federal waters of the Atlantic Ocean off Florida and South Carolina from the date of issuance through April 2008. NMFS is extending the original comment period by 14 days because of the extensive number of comments received from the public to date and to ensure that all comments may be considered prior to the Agency making a determination on the application.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.* and 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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Alan D. Risenhoover,

Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 040407B]

Marine Mammals; File No. 877-1903

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; denial of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for a scientific research permit submitted by Daniela Maldini, Okeanis, PO Box 818, Pacific Grove, CA 93950 has been denied.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521; and

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jaclyn Daly or Amy Hapeman, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 5, 2007, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 5273) that an application had been filed by the above named individual. The requested permit has been denied subject to the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and because the application did not meet permit issuance criteria set forth in the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant requested a 5-year permit to biopsy bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) in waters off California, specifically Monterey Bay and the Santa Monica Basin. The proposed research objectives were to investigate stock structure, demographics, and contaminant loads of coastal and offshore populations.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: On Friday, April 6, 2007 (72 FR 17136), the Department of Defense published a notice of a meeting of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors. This notice makes corrections to that notice as follows:

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING STATEMENTS CONTACT: Col. Denise Dailey